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REMARKS

The Office Action has restricted Claims 1 - 8 as being directed to two groups of patentably distinct inventions under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121. Claims 1 - 7 are deemed to be in Group I as being directed to a hem flange in Class 296 while Claim 8 is in Group II as being drawn to a method of preparing of making a hem flange, classified in class 156.

In response thereto, Applicants elect for prosecution the Claims of Group I (Claims 1- 7). Accordingly, Claim 8 has been canceled from this application for inclusion in a divisional application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this restriction be withdrawn and Claims 1 - 7 be examined.

Applicants believe that the claims are allowable. Applicants respectfully request that all claims remaining in this case be allowed.

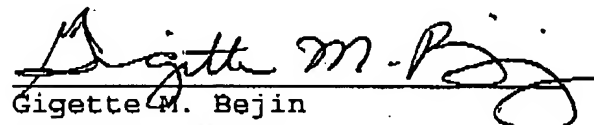
Pursuant to currently recommended Patent Office practice, the Examiner is expressly authorized to call Applicant's attorney, if in his judgment disposition of this application could be expedited or if he considers the case ready for final disposition by other than allowance.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the two month extension fee in the amount of \$ 420.00 from Deposit Account No. 06-1510. It is believed that no other fees are due at this time. To the extent additional fees or credits are warranted, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1510.

Respectfully submitted,

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